REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 5 - 13, 15 - 19, 21, 22, and 25 have been allowed.

Claims 2, 4, 14, 20 and 23 have been objected to because of the informalities listed on page 2 of the Office Action. In response, these claims have been amended to correct these informalities.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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